(e) : (Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Main Machines (units)	Spares supplied
1982-83 . . .	8896	111·79
1983-84 . . .	8147	100·14
1984-85 . . .	7680	102.04

(f) The estimated production targets of important items for the year 1985-86 are :—

(i) Electro-mechanical Teleprinters . . . 8000 units

(ii) Electronic Telep inters . 1000 Nos.

(iii) Electric Typ.writers . 1000 Nos.

(iv) Spares . . . Rs. 85 lakhs

Direct Dialling Arrangements

560. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries with which India has direct dialling arrangements;

(b) the names of the cities in these countries with whicr such arrangements exists; and

(c) whether Government have any proposals to increase such facilities; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Direct telephone dialling facility is available from Metropolitan cities of Bombay, Calcutta. Delhi and Madras to 6 countries viz. Australia, France. Hongkong, Japan, Singapore and the United Kingdom.

(b) The facility is available to all sites in the above 6 countries.

(c) Yes, Sir. Direct telephone dialling facilities are being progressively expanded in a phased manner, depending upon reciprocal technical feasibility in the other countries. traffic requirements and other relevant considerations.

Malpratice by Drug Manufacturers

561. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to a news item captioned "Drugs: Story of the unintended profits and intended losses" published in the 'Indian Express' Delhi on the 19th August, 1984;

(b) if so, what are the details of the malpractices alleged to have been indulged by the drug manufacturing companies; and

(c) what are the effective steps taken to curb the malpractices?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) In exercise of the powers available under para 7(2) (a) of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979, my Ministry issued notices to a number of drug companies so as to recover the difference between the price of the bulk drugs allowed in the formulations and the actual cost of import purchase. Based on the notices issued and the details received, amount due into the said account from manufacturers have been calculated. The representations received against the recovery are in an advanced stage of consideration One of the manufacturers namely, M/s. Fulford (India) Limited have filed a Writ Petition in Delhi High Court against the recovery and obtained stay of further

proceedings in the matter. The case is now listed for hearing on 30th July, 1985.

Technical know-how for Drug Manufacture

562. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention was drawn to the news item captioned 'Blow to indigenisation' which appeared in the 'Times of India' of the 23rd June, 1985;

(b) if so, what are the names of the companies which developed the technical know-how first in the country for the manufacture of bulk Drythomycin, Ampicillin, Doxycycycline, Salbutamol, Amoxicillin, Lorazepan, Mebendazole, Nitrazepam, Methyldopa and Anti-cancer drugs such as Vincrestine, Vinblastine, Futrafur, Danozole;

(c) whether these companies develope the process with their own efforts or imported the technology;

(d) whether it is a fact that these drugs are being manufactured commercially, processes have been proved successful and huge investment has been made by the companies; and

(e) if so, whether it is also a fact that the steps of delicensing will deprive the sector of drug industry who developed these processes and attained self sufficiency, of the protection granted under 1978 Drug Policy?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) This Ministry has seen the Press Report to this effect.

(b) to (d) To the extent information is available, names of Indian companies who claimed to have developed indigenous technical know-how and reported to have manufactured bulk drugs as referred to in the question are given in the statement (*See below*). Most of these bulk drugs are being produced by Indian companies from basic stage.

(e) No, Sir. The scheme of delicensing is intended to simplify licensing procedure for non-FERA and non-MRTP companies.

Statement

S.No.	Name of the Drug	Name of the company having developed the technology
1	Erthromycin	Not available
2	Ampicillin	Several companies from intermediate stage.
3	Doxycycline	Ranbaxy
4	Salbutamol	Cipla and Fairdeal
5	Amoxicillin	Several companies from intermediate stage.
6	Lorazepam	Cipla
7	Mebendazole	Gufic Labs.
8	Nitrazepam	Cipla
9	Methyl Dopa	IDPL
10	Vincrestine and Vinblastine	Cipla
11	Futrafur	Not available
12	Danozole	T. N. Dhada